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Libellers Folly
MANIFESTED:
AND THE
Christian QUAKERS
VINDICATED,

From the Base Insinuations, in a late PAMPHLET, Subscribed *G. W.*

By *H. G.*

Proverbs 11. 21. *Though Hand joyn in Hand, the Wicked shall not be Unpunished, but the Seed of the Righteous shall be delivered.*

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MANY have been the Adverſaries, both of us and our Holy Profeſſion; ſome of whom not being Contented to Oppoſe us, only in Point of Doctrine, wherein we differ from them; but rather than not Reproach us enough, have taken Liberty to Miſrepreſent us, with holding Errors which we deny, and have not yet been proved upon us.

But in all this Oppoſition, God that has called us into his Living Way, and Worſhip, hath at all times Effectually Qua-

Qualified ſome in our days, as he did in Primitive times; *for the defence of the Goſpel*; by which means our Adverſaries of that kind, are better Informed or Defeated.

But our Grand Enemy, Envying our Peace, not being Contented to ſee *Sion* Proſper, hath by his Subtil devices, begotten in Some (from among our ſelves), Firſt, a Coldneſs to Truth it ſelf, and from thence, a letting go Charity to their Brethren, which have Led them into *Envy*, and *Bitterneſs*; Fruits that of late more eſpecially have been brought forth; and ſo much Reſembles *Cain*'s Nature, that as much as in them lyes, would ſlay the Reputation (at leaſt) of their Brethren; even as he did the Natural Life of his Brother; and which is worſe, I fear for the ſame Reaſon too.

Now, that which Leads me to the foregoing, was upon Peruſal of a late Pamphlet, Subſcribed *G. W.* Called, *Something by way of Reply, unto a Paper lately Publiſhed in the Citty Mercury, Signed by Twenty Four Men*, being alſo a ſort of a Vindication of a former of the ſame kind,

kind, Subſcribed *D. S.* The tenour of which Paper, Signed by thoſe Twenty-Four was to detect *D. S*'s. abuſive Work, who in the Name of the *Chriſtian Quakers*, would Inſinuate Guilt (upon many Honourable Brethren, moſt of whom long ſince are deceaſed) as Charged by *F. B.* and other malicious Apoſtates, moſt, if not all, of which Calumnies, have been heretofore anſwered, and our Friends Vindicated.

But ſuch is the Humour of our Preſent Adverſaries, that rather than not be doing, they will not only Dig up the Graves of ſuch, but Rake in their Aſhes, whoſe Memory, even to ſome of themſelves, ſince Buried, have, I make no Queſtion, been Precious to them.

I ſhall now leave Generals, and proceed to a Particular Obſervation on this Pamphlet, Signed *G. W.* who in his firſt *page* ſaies, *Viz. I know not who was the Author*, i. e. D. S. *Neither do I Pretend to Juſtifie all that he has ſaid therein.* At this rate another of the ſame kind may come out Subſcribed *T C.* diſowning that

that he knows Either, nor will he Juſtifie them in all they ſay; ſo that we are, & like to be traduced by a ſort of Lurking Adverſaries, who by ſmiting in the dark, are accountable to no Viſibles; but however, he that is Inviſible beholds them, who will not let them eſcape the reward of that Evil work, without they Repent.

In his Third *page* ſaith, *Viz.*—*But that You ſhould be ſo Impertinent firſt to put on your ſelves the* Name *of Chriſtian Quakers*, &c. In anſwer whereto I appeal to the Impartial; whether it is not more pertinent for Twenty-Four Men, that are known to have been of that Perſwaſion for many Years, to Sign on behalf of that People, rather than a Nameleſs Author to do it, and yet he Complains, *would any thing but Groſs Folly and Ignorance, be guilty of ſuch* Weakneſs.

Again, in his 4*th. page* ſays, *And Indeed if you Could make the World believe, that the Chriſtian Quakers could give forth no Chriſtian Teſtimonies, without your leave as you would Inſinuate*, &c. Here again, I do appeal as before, deſiring the Candid

did Reader to peruſe that ſmall Paper Signed by the Twenty-Four, who doubtleſs would find the Genuine Senſe thereof, to intend no other, than whereas *D. S.* had Impoſed upon the World a falſe Libel, in the Name of the *Chriſtian Quakers*; they holding themſelves to be of that Society, were willing to undeceive ſuch as might be miſled by it; aſſuring them, that that Book was not Printed by Direction, or Approbation, of that People; therefore 'twas Requiſite that ſome, known among them, ſhould Clear themſelves, and Brethren, from that Impoſture.

Then again in the ſame *page* he revilingly Suggeſts, that the Twenty-Four are no Chriſtians, where he ſays; *It is Poſſible ſome might have thought you to have been of that Chriſtian Society, but now your works have abſolutely denied it*; with much more of the ſame kind in that *page*; and all for diſowning that Book Signed by *D. S.* and no other reaſon known to us: Doth this Malicious Author endeavour to Un-Chriſtian us? And for our Satisfaction, in the 5*th. page* gives a Challenge

lenge on behalf of himſelf, *&c. Viz. But if any Chriſtian People ſhould Queſtion the truth of theſe Charges hinted at, and elſewhere more at large; we do offer publickly to prove the greateſt part of them, in any publick place convenient, to the faces of theſe Twenty-Four Men,* &c.

In this he is ſomewhat Modeſt, by ſaying, the greateſt part, which Naturally Implies the leſſer he cannot prove, yet not ſo modeſt neither, but that he is more Liberal to Charge us in the dark, than he ſo much as pretends to prove to our faces. Then again, who is this *we* that makes this offer, ſurely it muſt be *D. S.* and himſelf; in the moſt Natural Senſe of that place Cited, although unknown, as he before ſaid; and how theſe unknown Brethren ſhould know how to meet with each other, and we that known Neither to meet with them both, I cannot tell; and which is worſe, when they do meet, tis more then Probable they will not agree; for G. W. ſays he doth not Pretend to Juſtifie all *D. S.* has ſaid, for, but however, as of

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Old, with *Herod* and *Pilate*, they agreed in Condemning the Innocent.

My task in this (ſober Reader) has been to diſcover the Inſincerity, and Diſingenuity of this G. W. but that of D. S, as well as in General, he is diſowned in the Name of that Chriſtian People by the Twenty-Four; he is alſo more particularly anſwered by our Friend *Robert Bridgman*, to which I refer for Satisfaction, in Reference to D. S. and to the particular Calumnies, in both our Occult Adverſaries; I do recommend thee to the Books following, *Viz.* The **Quakers Vindication**, in on Sheeet, given to the Parliament againſt *F. Bugg*'s Calumnies. And **Innocency Triumphant** over **Inſolency** alſo; **The Counterfeit Convert, a Scandal to Chriſtianity**, and the Certificate therein annext to the Preface; likewiſe the **Juſt Inquiry into the Libellers Abuſe**, all by *George Whitehead*. And for anſwer to his Six *page* about *Jeptha*'s Daughter and *Micah*'s Mother, I refer unto *Tho. Ellwood*, *Antidote*, *Chap.* 8. *Sect.* 1. from *p.* 205. to 210, and *Sect.* 5. *p.* 214,

p. 214, 215. For it would be unreaſonable to ſuppoſe, we ſhould as often make repeated Replies, as our Adverſaries pleaſure is to repeat Charges upon us, long ſince anſwered, and refuted; ſo that we ſhall reſt Satisfied, in that Care already has been taken, to Vindicate our Innocent Brethren, knowing that no Candid Reader will Judge them Guilty, without examining whether true or falſe, eſpecially ſince they are now reminded and recommended to the aboveſaid Books.

Henry Gouldney.

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THE POSTSCRIPT.

WE *cannot accept* D. S. *his Pamphlet, either as a true Teſtimony againſt* F. Bugg's *Callumnies caſt upon the Chriſtian* Quakers *in General, or as any Sincere Vindication of the Chriſtian* Quakers *from his Calumnies and Reproaches*

I. *Becauſe though he ſeems to Except againſt* F. Bugg's *Charges, as too general or Indefinite upon the People called* Quakers, *yet he joyns*

Iſſue

Iſſue with him in his Charges againſt divers particular Perſons, both Dead and Living, known to be Chriſtian Quakers; *as* George Fox, John Audland, Joſiah Coale, James Parnel, George Whitehead *and others.*

II. *Becauſe the ſaid* D. S. *whilſt he pretends to Vindicate the Chriſtian* Quakers *from* F. Bugg *Aſſpertions and Callumnious Charges; yet takes his Charges of Blaſphemy,* &c. *for Granted againſt the ſaid* G. Fox, James Parnel, *&c. Conſequently thereby condemning them as no Chriſtians.*

III. *The*

III. *The ſaid* G. W. *in his Vindicating* D. S. *his Pamphlet, hath therefore joyned Iſſue with him, and* F. Bugg *in his Unjuſt Charges and Condemnation againſt thoſe our faithful Deceaſed Friends,* G. F. J. P. &c. *as no Chriſtians; which is directly Contrary to the living Senſe and Teſtimony, of all Chriſtian* Quakers *that knew them.*

Thus 'tis Manifeſt that F. Bugg, D. S. *and* G. W. *have joyn'd Iſſue in their Charges, Condemnations, or a kind of Excomunications againſt Innocent faithful Men, after their Death; which, as he ſaith p.* 6. he has no Scripture, nor preſident for that we know of, unleſs he goeth to the *Pope* for it; *but theſe Apoſtates have now ſhewn their Envy and Rancor*

cour of Spirit; As many Inſtances might be given of ſuch like Popiſh, Anti-Chriſtian Practices.

THE END.